

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 29, 2006

H.R. 4969 District of Columbia Hatch Act Reform Act of 2006

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on September 21, 2006

H.R. 4969 would amend the Hatch Act to remove some restrictions on the political activities of District of Columbia government employees. Under current law, employees of the District of Columbia government are subject to the same restrictions as federal employees under the Hatch Act. The bill would amend federal law to subject District of Columbia government employees to the same Hatch Act restrictions imposed on other state and local government employees whose principle employment is in connection with an activity financed by funds from the federal government. CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4969 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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